

# Drive Safely Over 4th of July Holiday

With the 4th of July holiday approaching, DelDOT advises motorists to expect heavy traffic volumes on roads throughout the state this week, with Wednesday, July 3, expected to be the day with the heaviest traffic. [AAA is forecasting a record-breaking 48.9 million Americans will travel](#) this Independence Day, an increase of more than four percent from last year. More than 133,000 Delawareans, or 12 percent of the population, are expected to travel at least 50 miles during the holiday.

DelDOT also reminds motorists that there will be many pedestrians and bicyclists out at local parades and fireworks displays over the next several days.

“The 4th of July holiday is when we really see the summer travel season begin and we want everyone to reach their destination safely. With more people on the roads, driving cautiously and responsibly should be everyone’s top priority when they get behind the wheel,” **said Secretary of Transportation Jennifer Cohan.**

**Motorists can increase their safety, and reduce the risk to others by doing the following:**

- Always wear seatbelts
- Never drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Obey posted speed limits
- Do not drive distracted
- Do not drive aggressively

Following these five rules significantly decreases the likelihood of being involved in a crash as these are the leading cause of crashes involving serious injury or death on our roads. To date, there have been 46 crash-related

fatalities on Delaware roads. [The state has also seen an increase](#) in fatal motorcycle crashes with eight in May and June. There are nearly 22,000 motorcycles registered in Delaware, and many of these crashes can be prevented through awareness by motorists and motorcyclists following the rules of the road.

“Road safety is everyone’s responsibility, from drivers and passengers to bicyclists and pedestrians. With basic planning and preparation we can all make sure this is a safe Independence Day celebration for everyone,” **said Ken Grant, Manager of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic.**

Before getting on the road, motorists can view real-time conditions from more than 110 traffic cameras by using DelDOT’s smartphone application or visiting <http://www.delDOT.gov>. The free DelDOT App is available for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) smartphones and tablets. Motorists can also listen to WTMC 1380 AM for updates on current road conditions.